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APPLICANT:	Yasutaka ISHII et al.	CONF.:	5966
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FOR:	PROCESS FOR PRODUCING ORGANIC COMPOUNDS USING CATALYTIC IMIDE COMPOUNDS		

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of June 7, 2004, the period for response being extended one (1) month to October 7, 2004, the following amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in the file of the above-identified application.

This response includes:

- Amendments to the specification;
- Amended claim set;
- Remarks;
- Table R1;
- Table R2;
- Table R3;
- D1 (J.Org.Chem. 1996, 61, 4520-4526);
- D2 (US 5,958,821);
- D3 (Chem.Comm. 2000, 613-614);
- D4 (Chem.Comm. 2000, 2457-2458); and
- D5 (J.Org.Chem. 2001, 66, 6425-6431).

In spite of the fact that this application has been pending since the year 2000 and the Examiner has produced six (!) Office Actions – and has reopened prosecution after Applicants filed an Appeal Brief (!) – it is noted that the Examiner has not rejected any claim in this application over prior art. The Examiner's apparent reluctance to come to grips with the merits of the present invention is depriving Applicants of patent protection to which they are entitled. Passage of the present application to Issue, without further delay, is respectfully solicited.